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Basics. Using 'It' for Time, Distance, and Weather

Easy | A1 | Elementary | Beginners | Apostrophe | Past tense | Present tense | Pronoun | Sentence | Subject | Verb | Verb tense | Progressive tense | Simple tense | Word order | Collocations

1. Complete the text messages between two friends planning a trip to the beach.

"Hey! Are we still going to the beach? I looked out the window, and _____ is cloudy right now."

"Don't worry, it _____ only 8:00 AM. The sun will come out soon!"

"Great! And it is only ten _____ to the beach, so we will get there fast."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) it
B) he
C) there

Blank 2

A) is
B) has
C) does

Blank 3

A) miles
B) far
C) long

2. Help the traveler update her diary about the unpredictable London weather. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

A) It is raining heavily today.
B) It is very cloudy and cold outside.
C) The weather it is terrible.
D) Is snowing right now!

3. Fill in the blanks for the tired driver complaining to their passenger on a very long road trip.

Are we there yet? _____ over a hundred miles to the next town! _____ a very long way to drive without any snacks. My map says _____ still fifty miles to the hotel.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) It is
B) This is
C) He is

Blank 2

A) It is
B) That is
C) She is

Blank 3

A) it is
B) here is
C) we are

4. Help the confused time traveler figure out the current situation by choosing the correct word.

"Oh no! _____ is almost midnight, and my time machine is completely out of battery!"

Select one.

- **A)** There
- **B)** It
- **C)** This
- **D)** He

5. Help Zorg the Alien complete his report about Earth's strange environment.

"Greetings, Commander. I have landed in London. As usual, it _____ raining very hard here."

"I wanted to visit a place called Paris next. I checked the map, and it is very _____ from here."

"I asked a human for the time, and they said it _____ midnight."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** is
- **B)** makes
- **C)** has

Blank 2

- **A)** far
- **B)** distance
- **C)** length

Blank 3

- **A)** was
- **B)** had
- **C)** did

6. A tired hiker is asking how much further they have to walk to reach the campsite. Select ALL the encouraging replies that use perfect grammar for describing distance.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Keep going, it is only one mile away!
- **B)** It's a very short walk from here.
- **C)** Is not far to the camp.
- **D)** The camp it is very close.

7. Complete the panicked student's frantic morning text messages to their friend.

Oh no, _____ already 8:30 AM! My class starts in ten minutes. _____ time to run to school! I hope _____ not too late to catch the bus.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** it is
- **B)** there is
- **C)** this is

Blank 2

- **A)** It is
- **B)** There is
- **C)** He is

Blank 3

- **A)** it is
- **B)** there is
- **C)** she is

8. Your friend is panicking because he thinks you are both going to be late for a concert. Select ALL the text message replies that correctly use "it" to talk about time.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Relax, it is only six o'clock!
- **B)** It's still early for the show.
- **C)** Is only six o'clock.
- **D)** The time it is six thirty.

9. Help the unfortunate tourist finish their postcard home by selecting the correct words for each gap.

Look out the window! _____ snowing right now. Yesterday, _____ so windy that my hat flew away. I just hope _____ sunny tomorrow so we can finally go to the beach.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** It is
- **B)** There is
- **C)** He is

Blank 2

- **A)** it was
- **B)** there was
- **C)** she was

Blank 3

- **A)** it is
- **B)** there is
- **C)** this is

10. Complete the dramatic weather reporter's live broadcast.

"Grab your umbrellas and hold onto your hats, folks! _____ pouring rain outside, and the wind is howling!"

Select one.

- **A)** It's
- **B)** There's
- **C)** He's
- **D)** This is

11. Complete the morning shouts of a very busy dad trying to wake up his kids.

"Wake up! I can't believe _____ is already 7:30 AM!"

"You need your thick coats today because it is very _____ outside!"

"Hurry up! It takes twenty _____ to drive to your school!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** it
- **B)** this
- **C)** there

Blank 2

- **A)** cold
- **B)** freeze
- **C)** ice

Blank 3

- **A)** minutes
- **B)** times
- **C)** clocks

12. Choose the correct word to finish the tired hiker's very important question.

"Excuse me, I've been walking for hours. Can you tell me if _____ is very far to the nearest pizza place?"

Select one.

A) there
B) here
C) that
D) it